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Environmental Justice Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2017
Public Hearing Room
401 East State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

Council Members

Present: Steve Chranowski, Monique Griffith, Colandus (Kelly) Francis, Kim Gaddy, Joann Held, Olivia Glenn, Lloyd Abdul-Raheem, Yvonne Blake, Zachary Lewis, Zenobia Fields, Andy Kricun

Absent: James Horne, Fatimah Raymond, Miriam Medina, Ted Carrington, Molly Greenberg, Estrella Sainburg

DOH Representatives: Barbara Goun, Christa Fontecchio

Special Guests: Commissioner Bob Martin, Deputy Commissioner David Glass

Call to Order

Chair, Zachary Lewis, opened the meeting at 10:12am.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Kim Gaddy moved that the minutes from the September 7, 2017 meeting be approved with the correction of the time that the meeting was called to order. Steve Charanowski seconded the motion. All present voted yes.

EJAC Meetings for 2018

It was suggested that the Council meet on the second Tuesday in the months of January, March, May, September and November in 2018.

Working Group Highlights

Air (Kim Gaddy & Zenobia Fields)

Activities

1. Mapped communities adversely impacted by port traffic and facilities
2. Toured the Ports of Camden, Newark/Elizabeth and Bayonne
3. Brainstormed potential needs and recommendations for report

Recommendations

1. Leverage Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund
2. Access Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Other Funds
3. Promote Interagency Collaboration

*Land ((Olivia Glenn)***Activities**

1. Met with Several DEP Divisions to discuss
 - ~ Emerald Ash Borer
 - ~ Illegal Dumping Mitigation in EJ Communities
2. Hosted Urban Agriculture Symposium on October 13, 2017

Recommendations

1. Establish an urban agriculture collaborative initiative
2. Create a website to share resources for NJ's urban agriculture community
3. Develop an online interactive exchange

*Environmental Education & Communications (Olivia Glenn)***Activities**

1. Identified key Municipalities for Community Contacts Database
2. Created list of "Top Things an Environmental Activist Should Do"
3. Began forming a relationship with the Office of Local Government Assistance
4. Met with Office of Communications to discuss social media and website upgrade

Recommendations

1. Form a new collaboration with the Office of Local Government Assistance
2. Create a Community Contacts Database
3. Advance EJ priorities through NJDEP's communications platforms
4. Ensure that a new Citizens page is part of the revamped NJDEP website
5. Share the completed "Top Things an Environmental Activist Should Do"

*Water (Andy Kricun)***Activities**

1. Lead in Drinking Water Door Hanger Pilot Project in Irvington
2. Explored Methods to Reduce Sewage Overflow in CSO Areas

Recommendations

1. Educate the public regarding lead in internal plumbing (homes built prior to 1980 are at risk), and risk reduction strategies. Pilot Door Hanger project in Irvington
2. Ensure that combined sewers are cleaned and maintained as frequently as possible
3. Continue to prioritize funding for green infrastructure projects in EJ and CSO communities

Announcements

- Kristen Palma who has been a key assistant in OEJ will be leaving soon as her internship ends. We are all so grateful to her for her efforts on behalf of EJAC.

Presentation of First Year Report to Commissioner Martin

The Chairs of the 4 EJAC Working Groups presented an abbreviated version of the Council's work and recommendations (see above for details).

Commissioner Martin offered several suggestions for furthering the work of the Council. He stated that he values the advice of the Council, and that the EJAC First Year report will help to shape public policy.

Adjournment

Following a motion by Kim Gaddy and a second by Kelly Francis, the meeting adjourned at 12:14pm.